

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A toner including toner particles, each toner particle comprising:

 a core particles particle formed by flocculating and fusion-bonding at least resin microparticles and colorant microparticles dispersed in a fluid dispersion; and

 two or more coating layers formed over the core particles,

 wherein ~~a wax is added to at least one of the coating layer(s) but for the outermost coating layer, and the core particles~~ at least one of said coating layers except for an outermost coating layer, contains a wax, [[and]]

 wherein a ratio d/r between an average thickness d of the overall coating layers and a volume average particle size r of the core particles is in the range of 0.01 to 0.6, and wherein said resin microparticles comprise a resin containing a radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group as a building block.

2. (Currently Amended): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a resin constitutes said outermost coating layer and said resin has a glass transition point T_g of 55°C or more.

3. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a volume average particle size of said toner particles is in the range of 2 to 8 μm .

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended): The toner as claimed in Claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein said ~~resin contains a radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group~~ is present in the resin in concentrations of 0.1 to 20 mass ~~[[wt]]~~%.

6. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said ratio d/r is in the range of 0.01 to 0.1.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a content of the wax is 0.5 to 12 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the resin contained in the toner particles.

9. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the resin constituting said outermost coating layer has a glass transition point T_g of 60° C or more.

10. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1 wherein an average thickness d of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 2.2 μm.

11. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 10, wherein an average thickness d of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 1 μm.

12. (Original): The toner as claimed in Claim 1 wherein a volume average particle size of said toner particles is in the range of 2 to 5 μm .

Claims 13. through 20. (Canceled)

21. (New): The toner of claim 1, wherein the radical polymerizable monomer having an acidic group includes a monomer containing a carboxylic group or a sulfonic group, and at least a part of the radical polymerizable monomer having the acidic group optionally has a structure of an alkali metal salt or an alkaline earth metal salt.

22. (New): The toner of claim 3, wherein said ratio d/r is in the range of 0.01 to 0.1.

23. (New): The toner of claim 5, wherein an average thickness d of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 2.2 μm .

24. (New): The toner of claim 23, wherein an average thickness d of said overall coating layers is in the range of 0.02 to 1 μm .

25. (New): The toner of claim 24, wherein said ratio d/r is in the range of 0.01 to 0.3.

26. (New): The toner of claim 1, wherein the core particles and at least one of said coating layers but for the outermost coating layer both contain a wax.